

MAUTHAUSEN, AUSTRIA, NOW "CLEARING HOUSE" FOR ALL ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

Population in Peace Time Few Hundred Persons, Village Now Bears Aspect of Small City—Italians Fight Flames to Save Dwellings From Ravages of Fire.

Mauthausen, Austria, Sept. 26.—From a picturesque though little known village on the upper Danube, Mauthausen, has become the "clearing house" in Austria for Italian prisoners of war.

Its peace-time population of a few hundred persons has grown to that of a small city, and each month there pass through it with a three weeks' stop for quarantine purposes, several thousand Italian soldiers and several hundred Italian officers.

The town consists of a group of picturesque houses, a church or two and an ancient palace that clings to the edge of the Danube. What may be called the new city consists of acres upon acres of white-washed barracks holding in all when full 42,000 soldiers.

Only some eight or ten thousand soldiers were interned in the "city" when the Associated Press correspondent arrived to pay the camp a visit. Two days earlier there had been 25,000, but the greater part of them had been sent out along their way—to permanent camps in eastern Austria and Hungary.

Daily there arrive at Mauthausen about 8,000 bulky parcels or "big gifts" from relatives and friends in Italy. The banking and bookkeeping department of the camp has to maintain a ledger with something over 1,000,000 running bank accounts, the total of which far exceeds a million dollars.

Each prisoner, wherever he may be, is permitted to possess ten crowns a week for fifteen cents. The actual handling of cash devolves upon Austrian officers; the bookkeeping is done by Italian prisoners of war, who are thus in a position to know that the funds of their compatriots are honestly and accurately administered.

So long as he stays in Mauthausen, which may be for a year if his conduct is good, the Italian soldier is offered the privileges of a school in which illiterates are taught to read and write and in which the better educated may take courses in German, in English and in other useful subjects.

If so inclined he may take up painting and wood carving and sculpture. He will be furnished with materials, his "product" will be sold at a price not under a minimum set by himself and he will be given the balance between sales price and cost of materials. Or he can enter either the stringed orchestra, or the brass band.

The correspondent saw an exhibition of one of the half dozen fire companies, composed wholly of Italians, who guarded the camp from a possible conflagration, and who as a matter of fact have kept the fire loss, despite the wooden construction, down to two barracks and no loss of life. Fire prevention is further aided by a high fire tower in the center of the camp, on which two men constantly stand guard, with a horn to warn of a blaze and a flag to indicate its direction.

The colonel of the camp led the correspondent through the wash rooms—bunk barracks fitted with showers and heated in winter time, or equipped with rows of faucets for washing hands and faces—and through the living barracks. The latter are large and roomy—and very clean—far better than any the correspondent had seen in the course of visits to camps in other countries.

The hospital section of the camp is one of the best in Austria, in cleanliness and equipment. It is the colonel's boast that there never has been an epidemic of any character, that only such diseases as were brought by the men have ever been encountered, as in any large community, but now the cause is chiefly tuberculosis of ancient standing among the prisoners.

Since the wounded as well as the well often come to Mauthausen the camp has met the need for artificial limbs by creating a little factory for manufacturing these grim implements and up to date has turned out about 150 and trained the war victims to use them.

The Young Men's Christian Association amusement hall with its tiny stage has been equipped with scenery made by the prisoners and with drop curtain showing the Bay of Naples. Here too are the educational classes, conducted by the intelligent and gifted Italians.

The English classes are conducted by "Topsy" Tenore, who told the correspondent that a broker in New York (Frank Tenore of 300 Bridge Street, Brooklyn), believed him to be dead because he had had no opportunity to communicate with him. The Italian, who said he had lived two years in America, begged to be remembered to the broker.

One of the chief aims of the authorities is to give the men as much opportunity to work as possible, and on the whole find them tractable and willing. If the men do nothing they receive 6 cents a day if privates, 12 cents if corporals or sergeants, and 18 cents if higher non-commissioned officers. If they go out to work to the farms or in quarries or roads they get a settled sum in addition.

Self-government, insofar as it is possible, has been introduced, and the common soldiers are commanded by their own non-coms and merely supervised by Austrian troops. According to the number in camp they live 150 to 250 in the big, airy, lighted barracks, with their own superiors told off to keep them in order.

Their food, so far as the correspondent could judge from an examination of a week's bill of fare, appeared to be ample though somewhat monotonous. They have two meatless days a week, as all the rest of Austria does, a fast day and the other restrictions. But the authorities find it hard to compel Italian tastes to accustom themselves to Austrian fare.

The few Serbian prisoners delight in the Austrian bread but the Italians loathe it and eat it only when their families have sent them none of their favorite Italian bread—which arrives to the extent of about twenty thousand packages a week.

Though the men are inclined to be

moody at times, in keeping with their temperament, none of them seem to have lost spirit so far as the war is concerned. The colonel laughed as they told of the marked change in the camp when the prisoners read of the beginning of the general offensives against the Central Powers. And in the course of the walk through the huge camp the correspondent spoke with no single soldier who did not express a firm belief in the eventual victory of his side.

Close to one of the exits from the camp lies a miniature cemetery, half full of prim little graves carefully marked for the benefit of relatives who after the war may wish to have the bodies of their loved ones exhumed and brought home.

LINWOOD AVE. SCHOOL INJUNCTION HEARING POSTPONED BY COURT

The Linwood avenue residents who object to the erection of the new junior high school on that street did not succeed in having an injunction granted yesterday when they appeared in the superior court. Judge Howard J. Curtis said that inasmuch as Judge Gager would be here to open the regular term he thought the hearing should be held then. Thereupon the matter was continued until next week.

Foster Whitworth, James T. Miller, Joseph Barratt, Jesse Lund, Louis L. Lund and Thomas A. Passolt asked for the injunction restraining the city from proceeding with the building of the school. Excavations are already being made for the cellar. City Attorney William H. Conley represented the city this morning. Attorneys Thomas M. Cullinan and Vincent Keating appeared for the petitioners.

HELLER ESTATE

The inventory of the estate of Annie G. Heller, filed in the probate court shows \$4,256.77. Of this \$3,170.77 is cash in banks and the rest an equity in real estate in Hamilton street. Christian Newbauer and Joseph L. Kochis were appraisers.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Alexander E. Nash, of 643 Bostwick avenue, who was graduated from the Bridgeport High school, last June, left today for Baltimore, Md., where he will matriculate at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

William Nash, of 643 Bostwick avenue, has left for an extended trip to Miami, Fla., to visit his parents.

An opening reception for the classes of St. Rita's guild will take place at the guild rooms, 86 Myrtle avenue, on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Ivy May Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lathrop Jones of Black Rock, was married in New York last Friday, to Mr. William Weaver Danenhower of that city. The couple are now on their honeymoon and on their return will reside in New York.

The annual reunion of the guests at the Gould homestead, Fairfield, will be held Saturday. A picnic supper will be served on the lawn in the afternoon and the reception will last from 2 until 10 o'clock.

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid society for work and business will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Washington Park Methodist Episcopal church.

Miss Aline Paige, daughter of Mrs. Allan Wallace Paige of Bridgeport, who was graduated in June from Miss Porter's school, in Farmington, with her guests, Miss Charlotte Lyale and James Lysle, of Leavenworth, Kan., is spending several days at Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

The younger boys of Fairfield will give an entertainment tomorrow at the home of Mrs. I. DeVer Warner at Mill Hill. They will repeat the entertainment given at Greens Farms last Thursday. George Brett, Jr., will be coach. The proceeds will be given for the Red Cross fund. The performance will begin at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Among those who will appear in the entertainment will be Miss Eva Dahlgren, John Sturges, Richard Brett, Malcolm Goodridge, Jr., Valery Harvard, Jr., Ira Warner, John Sturges, Clyde Buckingham, Franklin Buckley and Joseph Dahlgren.

A sale for the American Girls' Aid for the war sufferers of France and her allies was held from 2 until 6 o'clock today in the lecture room of the Congregational church at New Canaan. Several parties went from Bridgeport by automobile to attend the sale. A remarkable collection of fine French lingerie, blouses, petticoats, beautiful tableware and andant laves were brought over for the sale from France. Artificial flowers, sofa cushions and unique table decorations, silk sweaters and French models of steel beaded velvet hand bags for afternoon wear, and dainty bags for the evening, were shown. Many of these articles were made by the refugee women. There was also an interesting selection of toys and dolls, and rings, necklaces, bracelets, and pendants made by the soldiers in the trenches from shells and bits of glass. The dolls were dressed by the War Widows.

Miss Constance Hatheway of 800 Clinton avenue, entertained at cards yesterday afternoon. For her guest, by the name of Mrs. Charles A. Nichols of Clinton avenue assisted her. The guests were: Miss Evelyn Foster, Miss Erma Chase, Miss Margaret Griffith, Miss Dorothy Lyon, Miss Helen Wheeler, Miss Betty Payne, Miss Louise Held, Miss Lillian Griffith, Miss Adelyn Kingsbury, Miss Marion Smith, Miss Mary Louise Foster, Miss Julia Foster, Miss Lois Miller, Miss Nichols, Miss Ruth Hall, Miss Pauline Hall, Miss Dorothy Stearns,

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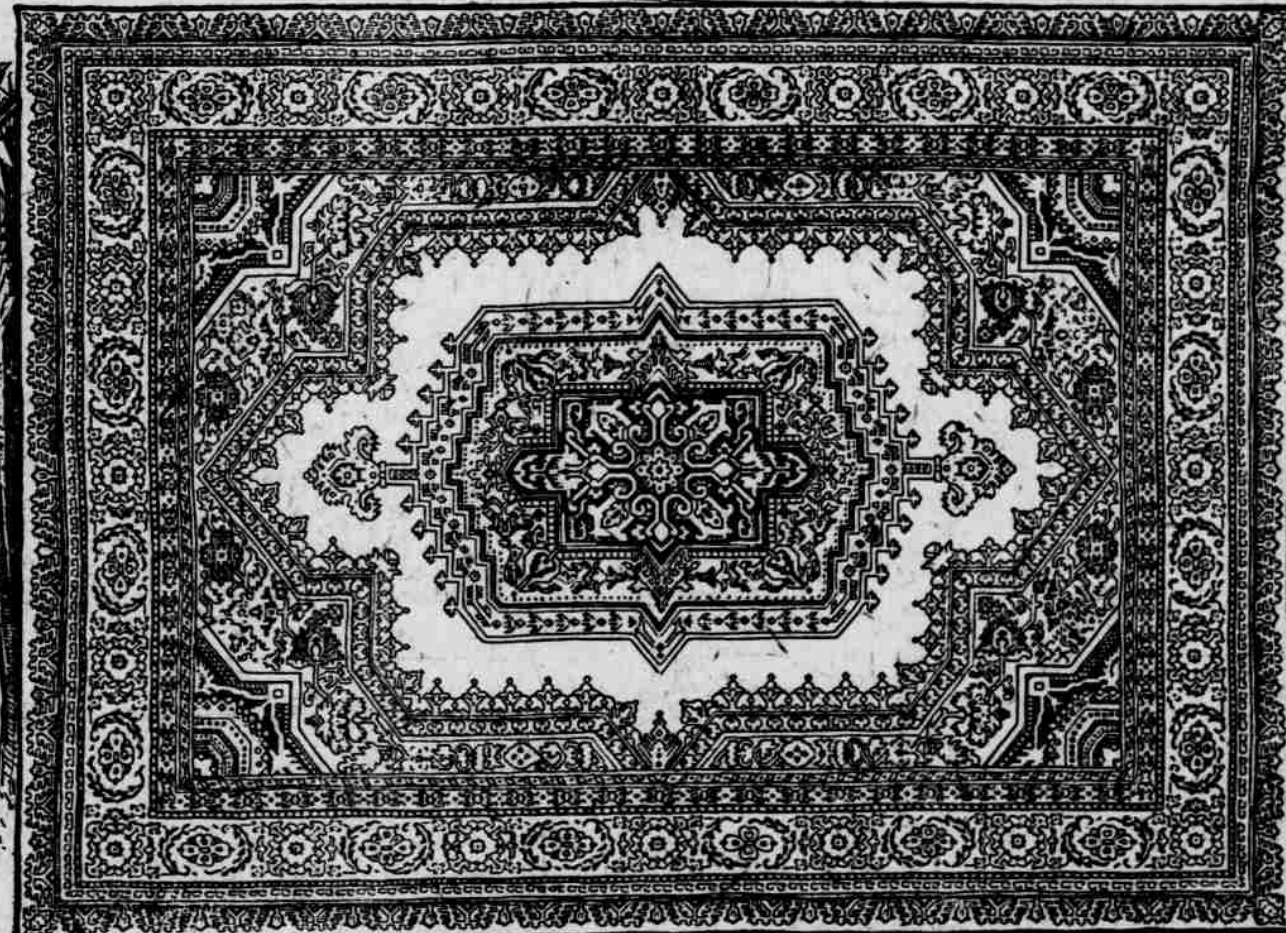
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This Large Purchase Was Made Months Ago

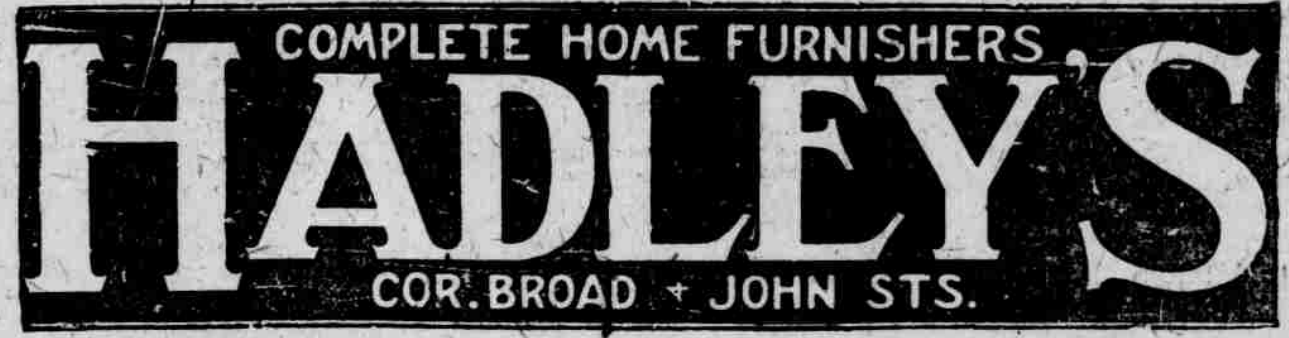
At that time conditions were normal, and the magnitude of our order placed secured a substantial concession in price from the mills. For us to buy these rugs now at the same price would be simply out of the question. We could hold these rugs until the prices reach the high water mark and then sell them at a large margin of profit. But this is not our plan. We feel that selling these rugs at the special price at this time will do us more good from an advertising standpoint than anything we could possibly do, so they go on sale at \$12.75.

Imported Dyes Are Used Exclusively In These Rugs

America has never been able to produce the rich dyes the mills import from Europe. Some mills may use domestic dyes, but the quality of rugs produced will not compare with these imported dye rugs. The colorings are very beautiful, blending into each other in perfect harmony. The designs are exact reproductions of old Oriental Masterpieces, while the texture of the rugs is extra heavy velvet and closely woven. The backs are also heavily sized to assure long service.

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If anyone should by any strange reasoning question in the slightest degree the high quality of these rugs the fact that we frankly state we prefer to sell these rugs on low credit terms ought to convince him on this score. The terms upon which these rugs are sold are the strongest possible guarantee of their quality that we could give you.



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Miss Louise Atwater, Miss Eleanor Griffith, Miss Frances Hotchkiss of Fairfield, Miss Margaret Casey, Miss Jane Casey, Miss Agnes Marsh, Miss Lucile Marsh, Miss Elizabeth Seeley, Miss Mary Radel, Miss Margaret Radel, Miss Caroline Chapman, Miss Ruth Jordan and Miss Roberta Neville.

The Surgical Dressings Committee no longer can take charge of the sending of comfort kits to the men at the Mexican border owing to the press of other work. These kits may be sent directly to Comfort Packet committee, 52 West 39th street, New York city, where Miss Katie Schermerhorn will see that they reach the various camps of the soldiers at the border. The comfort kits will be greatly appreciated by the men as the weather grows cooler. They are very simply made, and should contain at least one warm garment, such as a sweater, muffler, worsted gloves or socks, and six small articles, such as a pipe, collar buttons, safety pins, talcum powder, soap, stationery, sewing materials, chewing gum, tobacco, etc. Many of the women in the city are devoting a few spare moments to making these kits, which the soldiers find a great comfort to receive.

MICHELSON-ROCK. Miss Frances E. Rock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Rock, of 1469 Iranistan avenue, and Mr. Andrew G. Michelson of Howard avenue, were married at 11 o'clock Monday, Sept. 25, at the rectory of St. Augustine's church by Rev. Edward V. Murphy, assistant pastor. The bride was attended by Miss Mabel Garvey. The groomsmen were Thomas McKenna. The bride wore a gown of blue satin and georgette crepe with hat to match and carried white roses.

WRIGHT-MURPHY. A very pretty wedding was solemnized at 7 a. m. last Wednesday at St. Augustine's R. C. church, when Miss Eleanor M. Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Crowley of 1660 Capitol avenue, became the bride of Percival F. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright of Bayport, L. I. Rev. James B. Nihil P. R., pastor, performed the ceremony and celebrated the nuptial mass. Miss Catherine Murphy, sister of the bride, and Tracey Perry, were the attendants. The bride was becomingly attired in white crepe de chine trimmed with valley lace. She wore a duchess cap with a silk lace veil attached. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid was dressed in yellow silk with cap to match embroidered with gold lace. She carried a bouquet of carnations. Following a honeymoon they returned home yesterday and have taken up their residence at 214 Harrah avenue, where the bridegroom has fitted up a cozy home for his bride. Mr. Wright is employed in the office of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co.

SPECIAL SALE OF FERNS AND PALMS. JOHN RECK & SON. Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word.

FAIRBANKS AND HUGHES DO NOT AGREE ON ISSUE

New York, Sept. 26.—Chairman Vance McCormick of the Democratic National Committee, expressed the opinion yesterday that Mr. Hughes and his running mate, Charles W. Fairbanks, do not agree on the Mexican question, this opinion being based on one of Mr. Fairbanks' utterances. "I wonder if Charles E. Hughes and Charles W. Fairbanks succeeded in composing their differences on the Mexican question upon the occasion of their widely heralded meeting at Indianapolis, Saturday," said Mr. McCormick. "Mr. Hughes attacks the Administration's Mexican policy, and his running mate approves the course of President Wilson in this language: 'It is not the hour for either little politics or sensational journalism. The clamor of the jingoes should not be allowed to drown the voice of rational, deliberate statesmanship. It is a pretty safe rule, when we come to deal with grave international problems, to put our faith in the President of the United States and follow where he may lead. He speaks for the country when we come to deal with international affairs. The President of the United States is a safer guide than sensationalists and soldiers of fortune who come to the sur-

face, whenever international controversies arise."

Confident of Indiana

"Indiana is all right," went on Mr. McCormick. "We will carry it. The people there are beginning to realize that if Mr. Hughes is elected Reed Smoot will be at the head of the Public Lands committee, Penrose the leader, Warren at the head of Appropriations, Gallinger, leader pro tem, Clark at the head of the Judiciary committee, Lodge of Foreign Affairs, Sutherland of Public Buildings, and Smith of Naval Affairs. I don't think the people will appreciate the makeup."

Congressman Frank E. Doremus of Michigan, talked with Chairman McCormick concerning conditions in the Middle West and said later: "Conservative estimates indicate that the Democrats will organize in the next House by not less than 50 majority."

"Mr. Hughes is making votes every day by his attack upon the administration for averting the threatened railroad strike. I have visited communities that have been visited also by the Republican candidate, and I know the people are not in sympathy with his criticism of the Eight-Hour Law, but feel a deep sense of appreciation that the strike was averted."

No "Force," Says La Follette. A signed editorial by Republican Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, defending the Adamson bill, for which he voted, was made public yesterday. He said the bill had been much misrepresented. He denied it was a "force" bill, and asserted the railroads spent millions during the controversy trying to influence public sentiment. As an answer to Mr. Hughes' at-

tack on the Child Labor Law passed by Congress the Democratic campaign managers yesterday made public a letter written Sept. 23 to Owen R. Lovejoy of the National Child Labor committee by Senator Albert B. Cummings, Republican of Iowa. As to the claim that "jokers" have been discovered in the bill, the letter says: "These criticisms are without any foundation whatsoever, and the persons who are giving them publicity are either insincere or incompetent."

POINTS OF INTEREST.

A collection that will satisfy almost as many women as there are hats, so varied and becoming are the styles at E. H. Dillon & Co.'s, 1,105 Main street. Hats here to suit every face, prices to suit every purse.—Adv.

For Children.

An important matter in the case of children, is the footwear. Comfortable, durable shoes should be provided. At Mollan's, the shop for correct footwear for women, misses, boys and small children, the shoes for young folk are given special attention. Limitless number of highest and regular cut shoes are shown. Pretty shoes in styles that are comfortable for small children, come in varied designs and in all prices, at 1026 Main street.—Adv.

A score or more persons were injured when a Seaboard Air Line passenger train crashed into a coal train standing on a siding near Norfolk, Va. Many financiers, composing the advance guard of the delegates of the American Bankers' Association annual convention arrived at Kansas City.